

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. H. James Voeller , on 2/3/2011.

**Examiner's Amendment to the Claims**

Cancel claim 53.

In claim 47, line 3, after "selected " insert --- from the group consisting of ----.

In claim 47, line 15, after "acid" delete "of".

In claim 55, line 2, after "avidin of claim " delete "53" and substitute therefor --- 47 ---.

In claim 53<sup>2</sup>, line 6, after "as referenced by" insert --- the mature chicken avidin amino acid residue numbering of SEQ ID NO:1 ----.

**Examiner's Amendments to the Specification**

In page 1, underneath the title insert the following:

--- This application is the National Stage entry of PCT/FI2004/000679, filed 11/15/2004, which claims foreign priority to Finnish application 20031663, filed 11/14/2003. ---.

In page 6, bottom paragraph, delete " Figure 9. The" and substitute therefor --- Figures 9( A-C) show the ---.

The following is an **Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance**:

Change(s) applied  
to document,  
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